

Black Press Should Be Included As Part Of Daily Diet



MRS. ALLIE LATIMER WEEDEN
...First black to achieve level GS-18

Charlotte Woman

Appointed GSA Administrator

By Cynthia Bell
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Mrs. Allie Latimer Weeden, who has over 20 years of service as a lawyer, was appointed administrator of the General Service Administration in Washington, D.C. She was sworn in by Jerry Solomon while her mother Mrs. Bennie C. Lee of Charlotte held the Bible. Mrs. Weeden is the first black and the first woman to achieve level GS-18 in the agency.

The General Service Administration is a five division conglomerate with approximately 37,000 people in its employ. It is the largest independent federal agency providing for the common needs of other federal departments. GSA constructs and manages buildings, purchases and distributes supplies, furnishes computer and telecommunication services and keeps the nation's records. It also helps in the smooth running of the government during a national crisis.

Mr. Solomon feels that Mrs. Weeden's experience and training makes her "very qualified for this position." "She will direct a staff of over 100 lawyers and serve as principal legal advisor to the administrator and other GSA officials," he explained.

Mrs. Weeden received a bachelor degree from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia. She also received a J.D. from Howard University, a LL.M. from Catholic University, and did additional graduate study at American University, all in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Weeden has made contributions to improving opportunities for minorities and women. Her appointment has made her the third woman to achieve such a high level position in the agency. She is co-founder and first president of Federally Employed Women and is also a member of the D.C. steering committee of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

The General Service Administration now leads other agencies in the upward mobility progress for women.

Shoppers Can Get

First-Hand Look

At New Cars

Shoppers will have an opportunity to see first-hand what's new for '78 from the automobile industry when Tryon Mall hosts its "Economy Car Show," Oct. 13-15. Nearly 50 cars will fill the mall, located at the corner of North Tryon and Sugar Creek, during the three-day event. Area dealers participating in the show include: City Car Sales, City-Chevrolet Inc., Dick Keffer Pontiac, Freedom Dodge, Jordan Volkswagen, Piedmont AMC Jeep Inc. and Town and Country Ford.

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Snuffy Makes Fire Safety Fun



John Barracato, Deputy Chief Fire Marshall of New York City, and Snuffy, the Burger King Talking Fire Engine, discuss fire safety with several young friends. Chief Barracato and Snuffy are the principal spokespeople for the Burger King Corporation Fire Safety Program, a national public service effort aimed at educating youngsters 6 to 12 about fire safety.

Every year fire claims 12,000 lives and accounts for 300,000 injuries in the United States. A high proportion of those killed and injured are young children. It is these tragic and unnecessarily high statistics that Burger King hopes to lower.

The elements of the National Fire Safety Program are a 15-minute film, available on a free-loan basis from all Burger King restaurants, and an educational teaching unit. Both feature Snuffy and were developed in cooperation with leading educators and fire prevention experts and carry their endorsement.

Snuffy, a hand-crafted scale model of an old-time fire truck, teaches children how to save themselves in a fire emergency. "If your hair or clothing should catch on fire, STOP, DROP AND ROLL!" says Snuffy. "Running only fans the fire, so STOP where you are, DROP to the ground, and ROLL back and forth, back and forth until the fire is smothered." And, Snuffy adds, "that is only one of the many fire safety, life-saving techniques that is just as much fun to learn as it is important to know."

This month, Snuffy and Chief Barracato are making a national press and television tour. Burger King hopes young children will adopt Snuffy as a symbol of fire safety, and it hopes to channel the enthusiasm Snuffy creates into a continuing educational effort. Burger King also hopes that the children's enthusiasm will carry over into their homes and among their families, increasing the awareness of the problem of fire and the methods by which tragedies can be prevented.

By Jeri Harvey
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The Black press and the numerous underground newspapers should be included as part of the daily diet for those people concerned about learning the truth, according to noted author, lecturer and founder of the Feminist Party, Flo Kennedy.

Ms. Kennedy, best known for her fiery touch and her down home commentary, also feels that a people concerned with the overthrow of the common enemies, oppression, discrimination, and segregation, should take into consideration that much of what they read through the mass media is under the censorship of those who do the oppressing.

"We must first identify the enemy, and then understand where he is coming from, and how he controls our thoughts," Ms. Kennedy said. "We, in a sense, have to relate to the enemy more, then build upon the relationship that has been forced upon us."

Relating America's current situation to that of the Nazi

situation of the 30's and 40's, Ms. Kennedy said, "People criticize the things that are wrong with America without understanding that many of us are part of the problem. We outnumber the bad people yet we continue to let them do wrong. We have to relate

ourselves to the Nazi movement in Germany where good people let it happen."

Calling the mass media responsible for many of the incidents in America, including the attitudes of the people who suffer, she continued, "Quota, for instance, has been

made a dirty word in the news. But we must understand that the United States is based on quotas. The establishment,

which owns most of the large newspapers, limits certain things which are rightfully ours and justifies it by saying

it is associated with a quota. But they don't say that we have a House of Representatives and Senate based on a quota system, as well as our schools based on a quota system."

Expanding to the area of her greatest expertise, the feminist movement, Ms. Kennedy explained that men and women should not be confused by the various slogans on radio and television - such as male chauvinist.

"The average man is not a chauvinist, simply because he

is not powerful enough to be one. The president can be a chauvinist, or the governor of a state, but the small powerless man cannot be one because he cannot set policies," said Ms. Kennedy, adding, "at best he can only be a chauvinist sausage."

Returning to the faults of the media she said, "We must begin to put more faith in our local black media. We have to understand who the enemy is, and not be fooled by what they are trying to program us into believing."

Democrats Probe Affirmative Action Plans

Affirmative Action proved to be a major concern of Democrats during a recent meeting of the Commission on Presidential Nomination and Party Structure (Winograd), according to Ben Brown, Deputy Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The Commission convened in Detroit on September 10th and 11th to review proposed alternative solutions to the Presidential nomination and delegate selection process for the 1980 National Convention. The draft report will undergo review by state parties and interested Democrats at state hearings which will be held during the months of October

and November.

The Commission members unanimously agreed to include in the report a provision with respect to women and minorities, who in the past have been systematically excluded from full participation. Under this provision, minorities and women would be entitled to "remedial action to overcome the effects of past discrimination."

Tied to this recommendation is a provision that youth, persons over 65, blue collar workers, persons with a high school education or less, and other groups significantly under represented in party affairs be included in party

outreach plans involving recruitment, education and training. Minorities and women, according to the draft report, would also be entitled to participation in the outreach effort.

Also included was a recommendation that the National Party lend aid to state parties in funding the implementation of the AA plans, and develop an AA program and body to monitor its implementation.

State party hearings will be conducted across the country during the upcoming months to review the Commission's proposals. Interested persons are invited to attend.

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